

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on March 24, 2015 at the Wethersfield Town Hall, Town Manager's Conference Room – First Floor, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert Garrey, Chairperson  
Douglas Ovian, Vice Chairperson  
Chris Lyons  
Daniel Bucknam, Alternate

Members Absent: John Maycock, Clerk  
Mark Raymond  
Damian Cregeau, Alternate  
John Aforismo, Alternate

Also Present: Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator  
Linda Messina, Recording Secretary

Commissioner Garrey called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner Ovian, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Rare Reminder* on March 12, 2015.

**APPLICATION NO. 4352-15.** Ryan Curran seeks to install a metal exhaust fan on the north elevation of the house which shall be approximately 29" in diameter and extend approximately 27" from the house at 34 Center Street. (Left open at the March 10, 2015 meeting. The last day to act is April 14, 2015.)

Ryan and John Curran, 34 Center Street, appeared before the Commission. They would like to install two wall cap exhaust caps on the northeast exterior wall of the house. Photos were submitted. There will be two – one for intake air and one for exhaust. They are for a range hood.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

**APPLICATION NO. 4356-15.** Daniels propane seeks to install two (2) 120 gallon propane tanks on the side yard for a standby generator at 261 Hartford Avenue. (Left open at the March 10, 2015 meeting. The last day to act is April 14, 2015.)

John Daniels, 8 High Street, Portland, and Elizabeth Foran, 447 Main Street, appeared before the Commission. They have already received approval for a generator. They will be trenching to the tanks on the side of the house. The tanks will be behind bushes - two white vertical 120s which are cylindrical tanks with legs. They are approximately 3' or 4' high and 4' across. They will be side by side and will be hidden pretty well. They will be under the bay window and they will be on a pad.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

**APPLICATION NO. 4358-15.** John Peleponuck seeks to install replacement windows and to remove the shutters on the front door at 24 Center Street.

John Peleponuck, 30 Center Street, appeared before the Commission. The shutters next to the front door will be removed. All other shutters will be restored and will remain. Photos were submitted. He would like to install standard wrought iron black railings. He will use the existing step and just add the rails. There are now wood windows. They would like to use Harvey Majesty windows. They are aluminum clad and will be white in color. The mullions are inside, outside and between the glass. All windows will match the current style and light pattern. All windows on the house will be replaced. If they can find a matching window, the round window will be replaced as well.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

**APPLICATION NO. 4359-15.** Renewal by Andersen seeks to install replacement windows and a sliding patio door at 43 Summerfield Drive.

Ian Dailey, 26 Albion Road, Lincoln, Rhode Island, appeared before the Commission. All windows will be the same light pattern and style. They will use Renewal by Andersen windows. A sample window was provided. The grills will be between the glass. The current windows have snap-in vinyl grills. The color will match the existing color of the house and is called Terratone. They currently have full screens and they will replace with full screens. The patio door will also be replaced in kind.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

Upon motion by Commissioner Lyons seconded by Commissioner Bucknam, and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to close the public hearing on all applications and to open the public meeting.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Lyons, Bucknam

**APPLICATION NO. 4352-15.** Ryan Curran seeks to install a metal exhaust fan on the north elevation of the house which shall be approximately 29" in diameter and extend approximately 27" from the house at 34 Center Street. (Left open at the March 10, 2015 meeting. The last day to act is April 14, 2015.)

Upon motion by Commissioner Ovian seconded by Commissioner Bucknam and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

**Discussion**

Commissioner Garrey stated that from a public view, it is very minimal. It looks like two larger dryer vents on the back of the house. It is minimal impact. He is assuming there is a contractor telling them where they need to be.

Commissioner Ovian stated that his only concern, and it's not a visual one, but it sounds like they're very close to each other and the intake will smell like the exhaust ...

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Lyons, Bucknam

**APPLICATION NO. 4356-15.** Daniels propane seeks to install two (2) 120 gallon propane tanks on the side yard for a standby generator at 261 Hartford Avenue. (Left open at the March 10, 2015 meeting. The last day to act is April 14, 2015.)

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey seconded by Commissioner Ovian and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulation:

1. The generator and propane tanks must be screened with evergreens of an appropriate height to screen all public view.

**Discussion**

Commissioner Ovian stated that those are big tanks and he wouldn't put them on the front of the house. If the vegetation dies, the generator and the tanks will be exposed.

Commissioner Garrey stated that the generator landed there so that's where the tanks will be. He is glad there was a photo - it makes him feel better, what they look like. With the screening, you really won't see them. Mature plantings will screen it.

Commissioner Lyons stated that nobody likes to see these but with the cap and the screening ... he isn't a big fan of propane at all ... he would have thought they would have gone with natural gas.

Aye: Garrey, Lyons, Bucknam

Nay: Ovian

**APPLICATION NO. 4358-15.** John Peleponuck seeks to install replacement windows and to remove the shutters on the front door at 24 Center Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Lyons seconded by Commissioner Garrey and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

### **Discussion**

Commissioner Garrey stated that it's a house that needs a lot of love. It's nice that he's restoring the shutters. It's a window that has been used in the District in the past. It's an acceptable change. The applicant lives right there and we've seen the attention to detail in their work. The best example of this window is in this homeowner's house which is beautiful. They would have to replace it in the exact light pattern.

Commissioner Ovian stated that his concern is that to him the SDLs on Chesterfield are a great example of lousy looking SDLs compared to good looking SDLs. In that case, it came to them after the fact so they were backed into a corner ... on their own, if they don't hold their own, he has a concern about them. The small window ... replicating the look of the existing is different than replacing it.

Commissioner Lyons stated that this is just the beginning.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Lyons, Bucknam

**APPLICATION NO. 4359-15.** Renewal by Andersen seeks to install replacement windows and a sliding patio door at 43 Summerfield Drive.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey seconded by Commissioner Lyons and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulations:

1. The windows shall be replaced with Renewal by Andersen with grids between the glass to match the existing light patterns.
2. The color shall be Terratone.
3. All windows shall have full screens.

### **Discussion**

Commissioner Garrey stated that it's unfortunate that at the time these beautiful houses were built in the District the window products that were available weren't as good as what is available today and there are a lot of these snap-in grids. You aren't starting with a true divided light product here. The full screen will help.

Commissioner Ovian stated that the attempt to replicate the look of the actual muntin often just looks more fake than the snap-ins. In this particular case, the fact that the glass is clear, the color isn't white, all of those things will help. That street is among the best modern streets and those are beautiful Colonial reproductions. Renewal sells it as an SDL. He thinks they would be on sound ground to require SDLs but he understands the point being made.

Aye: Garrey, Lyons, Bucknam

Nay: Ovian

**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2015**

The minutes from the February 24, 2015 meeting were left open.

**MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2015**

Upon motion by Commissioner Ovian, seconded by Commissioner Lyons and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the minutes of the March 10, 2015 meeting.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Lyons, Bucknam

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Public comments on general matters of the Historic District**

None.

**Report of the Historic District Coordinator**

Kristin is trying to move forward with the new photo survey. She has received a listing of all properties in the District and has broken it down by streets. She gave it to the Town Planner to review how the photographers want the sheets set up. She wants to do the two angled shots they have currently and she wants to now include all outbuildings and structures with a public view. She is just waiting for feedback on how to set up the sheets.

**Correspondence**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Commissioner Lyons, seconded by Commissioner Ovian and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:42 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Lyons, Bucknam

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Douglas Ovian  
- Clerk Pro Tem-